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## THE LUSITANIA CASE IS NOT SETTLED

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### BIG MASS MEETING AT OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT

The Citizens of Bryan and Community Will Assemble to Consider the Administrations Preparedness Program—Maj. Chas Mills Coming.

The mass meeting called to assemble at the Colonial Theater tonight at 8 o'clock has met a popular response and the indications now are that the building will be taxed to its utmost capacity. The question of preparedness is sweeping the country and the patriotic flame fanned by the earnest addresses of President Wilson during his recent tour of the Middle West, has caused a widespread reversal of sentiment and the people are lining up with him almost to a man.

It is a subject of vital importance, and is therefore meet that the people come together, discuss the subject and if deemed advisable give public expression by resolution of their views. To this end Colonel Clarence Ousley

has called the meeting for tonight at the opera house and will state his views on the question to the meeting. Colonel Ousley heard the president's address on preparedness in New York last week and his review of same will no doubt be tense in interest.

Major Chas. H. Mills of Corsicana, one of the foremost citizens of the state, learned of the meeting and will be present. Major Mills will no doubt favor the audience with his views on the subject, and there will perhaps be other speakers.

The Eagle is requested to state that at the close of the meeting the several choirs of the city will render the "Star-Spangled Banner," and the audience is requested to join.

### 1915 COTTON CROP 13,687,000 BALES

Decrease of 26 Per Cent From 1914 on Area 6,587,000 Acres Less.

[By Associated Press.] Washington, Feb. 4.—The cotton crop this year, according to the third forecast, is estimated at 13,687,000 bales of 480 pounds, a decrease of 26 per cent from last year's crop. Department of commerce advices indicate the planted area this year at 17,380,000 acres, compared with 23,977,000 acres last year.

### FATAL HOTEL FIRE AT ATLANTIC CITY

[By Associated Press.] Atlantic City, N. J., Feb. 4.—Five persons lost their lives and eight others were injured when the Overbrook hotel burned here today.

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### GERMANY NOT DISPOSED TO ADMIT ILLEGALITY

Germany Under No Circumstances Will Admit the Sinking of the Lusitania Was Illegal—Germany Will Make No Further Concessions in the Matter Even If Friendship Snaps—Matter of Profound Interest at Washington—New Complications Come With England Over the Appam As A Positive Demand Has Been Made for the Ship After Lansing Decides She Is A German Prize—Russians Gain Against Turks—Air Raids Are Frequent.

[By Associated Press.] Berlin, Feb. 4.—The Associated Press learns it is probable that Germany under no circumstances will admit that the sinking of the Lusitania was an illegal act.

The new instructions as forwarded to Ambassador Bernstorff contain one phrase of new formulation of the proposed note of regret for the sinking of the Lusitania. The suggested sentence contains eight words, but does not contain the word "illegal." It represents the extreme limit of Germany's concessions in the Lusitania case.

Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs Aldred Zimmerman told the Associated Press his "government was willing to do everything in its power, and has done everything in its power to meet American wishes, but there are limits beyond which even friendship snaps."

#### LANSING KEEPS QUIET.

[By Associated Press.] Washington, Feb. 4.—Secretary of State Lansing refuses to discuss the Lusitania case in the absence of official information. Something definite may be done after President Wilson returns this afternoon.

President Wilson read the Berlin dispatches on the Lusitania situation on the train. He made no comment, but members of the party said he regarded the situation as "unfavorable."

#### ENGLAND MAKES DEMAND.

[By Associated Press.] Washington, Feb. 4.—British Ambassador Spring-Rice presents a formal demand on behalf of his government for the return of the Appam to the British owners. A new diplomatic controversy with Great Britain is foreshadowed, as the United States has practically decided to declare the ship a German prize.

### ARKANSAS HARD HIT BY FLOODS

Buildings at Penal Farm Swept Away and Damage Runs to Thousands.

[By Associated Press.] Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 4.—All buildings on the state penal farm at Cummins were swept away by the Arkansas River floods and the damage is running into the thousands.

Attempts were unsuccessfully made last night to dynamite the government levee at Pine Bluff, and the officials are investigating. The cause is unknown.

Train service on the Iron Mountain between Little Rock and St. Louis has been restored.

#### DROWNED RESCUING GIRL.

Three Men Perished in Lake in Oklahoma.

[By Associated Press.] Porum, Ok., Feb. 4.—Three persons were drowned at the water works lake one mile north of here Wednesday night while they were trying to rescue Stella Anderson, who went through the ice.

The dead are Orbek Anderson, 20; Leonard Johnson, 22; Geo. Steiner, 20. Anderson and Steiner were taken out dead in forty minutes. Johnson's body was found after a three-hour search.

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#### Austrians Make Air Raids.

[By Associated Press.] Berlin, Feb. 4.—The Vienna official report says three airship raids were made on Durazzo, Albania, in the last few days. Raids were also made on Avlona.

#### Paris Offers Rewards.

Paris, Feb. 4.—A French newspaper announces the offer of 25,000 francs (\$5,000) to any aviator bringing down a Zeppelin, and 10,000 francs to any gunner obtaining the same result with shells.

#### Morganthau Coming Home.

[By Associated Press.] Berlin, Feb. 4.—Henry Morganthau, United States ambassador to Turkey, has arrived here en route home.

#### Turks Evacuate Erzerum.

[By Associated Press.] London, Feb. 4.—A Petrograd dispatch says the newspaper Novoe Vremya has received trustworthy information that the Turks evacuated Erzerum, one of the principal strongholds on the Caucasian front.

Vienna reports the bombardment of Bucracz, Galacia, by a Russian air squadron and Russian raids in Volynia, while Austrian airmen are equally active. A second Zeppelin raid on Saloniki Wednesday was frustrated by the allied batteries.

### LANSING DECIDED IN APPAM CASE

The Vessel Is a Prize of Germany. Only Question How Long She May Remain in American Waters.

[By Associated Press.] Washington, Feb. 4.—Secretary of State Lansing indicates that the United States has decided to hold that the Prussian-American treaty governs the Appam case, as Germany contends, and that all that remained to be decided was an interpretation of the application of the treaty's terms. He also said the sole question remaining was how long the Appam could remain in American waters.

### SENATE TO AID FLOOD SUFFERERS

Appropriated Hundred Thousand Dollars and Will Furnish War Tents.

[By Associated Press.] Washington, Feb. 4.—The senate passes a bill appropriating \$100,000 for the relief of the Mississippi Valley flood sufferers and authorizing the secretary of war to loan tents for those who are made homeless.

### Fancy Groceries

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### JAPANESE LINER SUNK IN COLLISION

[By Associated Press.] Shanghai, Feb. 4.—The Japanese liner Daijin Maru was sunk Wednesday night in a collision with the steamer Liman and a hundred lives were lost.

### SIX WOMEN DIE IN BROOKLYN FIRE

[By Associated Press.] New York, Feb. 4.—Six women were killed in a residence fire in Brooklyn this morning. A heavy snow delayed the firemen in reaching the house.

#### CITY TAX MATTERS.

Comparisons for Two Years Past by City Secretary Smith.

The following report of the collections of the city property taxes was given to the Eagle by City Secretary Smith today, which shows the comparison of the taxes collected during January, 1915, and January, 1916, and also a comparison of the taxes levied for 1914 and 1915:

Taxes levied on total assessments in 1914	\$36,220.19
Taxes levied on total assessments in 1915	\$5,870.73

A decrease of	\$349.46
Taxes col. in Jan. 1915	\$33,423.40
Taxes col. in Jan. 1916	\$3,222.33

A decrease in Jan. 1916, of \$201.97. A more thorough report of the collections will be made to the council by Secretary Smith at their next meeting, showing the apportionment of the taxes and the amount that goes to each fund. This report has not yet been completed.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 4.—To the European war is attributed conditions which have held back to some extent the expansion and enlargement of the Pasteur Institute here, as several thousand dollars worth of equipment, authorized by the last legislature and ordered from Germany about five months ago, has failed to arrive. Dr. J. T. Wilhite, physician in charge of the institute, has given up hope of having the order filled, at least until the war is over. This delay has disappointed institute physicians.

### MADDOO WILL NOT COME TO TEXAS

Sent Message to Fort Worth Organization Announcing Change in Plans.

Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 4.—Secretary of the Treasury William McAdoo will be unable to visit Fort Worth and Dallas at this time, although according to the telegram received by Secretary R. O. McCormack of the Chamber of Commerce Thursday, the Southwestern trip is merely postponed indefinitely and not canceled. Plans for the entertainment of the secretary and his official party had been made both here and in Dallas. The telegram follows:

"I am distressed and disappointed beyond measure to have to postpone my visit to Fort Worth and Dallas. Pressure of public business in this department is so great that I find it impossible to leave Washington as I expected to do Saturday. I hope to visit Fort Worth in the near future. Many thanks for your kind invitation."

Governor Ferguson, who had responded promptly to the invitation to be one of the speakers on that date, was notified Thursday of the postponement.

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